

Whether it is celebrating Mother's Day, an anniversary, or a graduation, flowers have been used to mark special occasions for thousands of years.

California, alone, produces a staggering three-quarters of all cut flowers grown in the United States. During my visits to flower growers and artistic florists on the central coast of California, I have seen firsthand the value of the flower industry as an economic engine in our region.

By designating July as American Grown Flower Month, we celebrate the incomparable beauty of flowers and what they bring to our homes and our celebrations year-round.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ALIVEA COX

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Alivea Cox of Richmond Hill, Georgia, a kind-hearted 14-year-old who passed away on June 4, hours after being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

We can all be inspired by her passion for life, exemplified in her hobbies and her ability to make everyone around her a little happier every day.

Alivea was musically talented, playing the French horn, the trumpet, and the piano. Her middle school band teacher recognized her for both outstanding musical talent and outstanding character.

Alivea cofounded a weekly prayer club for students modeled after 1 Timothy 4:12.

In a letter to a teacher, she mentioned important life lessons she learned: to be patient with yourself and others, and that bad days do not define you.

I offer my deepest sympathy to her parents, her family, schoolteachers, and her friends.

#### RECOGNIZING NEPHCURE KIDNEY INTERNATIONAL

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of NephCure Kidney International.

Roughly 31 million Americans live with kidney disease, and 3 in every 100,000 people suffer from nephrotic syndrome.

Nephrotic syndrome is not a disease itself; rather, it is an umbrella term for the signs and symptoms that result from damage in the kidneys' filtering units.

NephCure Kidney International is the only organization committed exclusively to supporting research into finding the cause of the kidney disease focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, or FSGS, and nephrotic syndrome.

I am proud of the work of this organization and their leader, Dr. Irving Smokler, NephCure's president and founder and a constituent of mine.

In 1999, Dr. Smokler launched the NephCure Foundation, inspired by his son, Matthew, who was diagnosed with FSGS when he was just 11 years old.

Dr. Smokler has since dedicated himself to the fulfillment of the foundation's mission: to find the cause of and cure for FSGS and nephrotic syndrome.

Mr. Speaker, today I call on all of our colleagues to recognize and support the goals of this important organization and to support robust funding for research at NIH to help find a cure for FSGS and nephrotic syndrome.

#### SUBSTANCE USE-DISORDER PREVENTION THAT PROMOTES OPIOID RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 949 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 6.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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##### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to provide for opioid use disorder prevention, recovery, and treatment, and for other purposes, with Mr. BACON in the chair. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

Pursuant to the order of the House of June 21, 2018, general debate shall not exceed 1 hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 20 minutes. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman Oregon.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 6. This is the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, or the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

I was proud to introduce this bill with my bipartisan colleagues: Energy and Commerce Committee ranking member, my friend from New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE; Ways and Means Committee Chairman KEVIN BRADY; and Ways and Means Ranking Member RICHARD NEAL.

These past 2 weeks, this House, the people's House, has dedicated tremendous amounts of time and energy to send a simple message to millions of Americans impacted by the opioid crisis. And that message is: Help is on the way.

Not only are we passing legislation, dozens and dozens of bills that will save lives, but also we want to leave no doubt in the minds of those suffering from addiction that the United States House of Representatives, Republicans and Democrats alike, stand with them together.

For too long, embarrassment and stigma surrounded the disease of addiction. It is time for that to change. If you are struggling with addiction, if you are fighting that invisible battle, please know that it is okay to seek help.

Opioid overdoses take the lives of more than 100 Americans each and every day. In fact, Mr. Chairman, a thousand people in our country will go to an emergency room in the next 24 hours, suffering an overdose from opioids. We don't want those people to become part of that deadly statistic.

You matter. You are worthwhile. And I pray that the various legislation we vote on here today, and that we voted on throughout the last 2 weeks, can help you begin your journey of recovery.

H.R. 6 includes several bills that went through regular order at the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees, but the bill we will vote on today also includes dozens of other pieces of legislation that have recently passed the House, most unanimously or with very strong bipartisan majorities.

You see, at a time when it seems we couldn't be more divided, it is clear that striking back against addiction is something that transcends politics and brings us together as a community, as a country, and as a Congress.

Remember, this legislation is not the first action that this Congress has taken to combat the opioid crisis, and I am sure it will not be the last. I guarantee you that.

The Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act and the 21st Century Cures Act, both of which were signed into law nearly 2 years ago, and an additional \$4 billion in resources for States and communities that was provided in the omnibus appropriations bill just a few